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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: HEAT TREATABLE LOW-E COATED ARTICLES AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME BY  
SPUTTERING AG IN OXYGEN INCLUSIVE ATMOSPHERE

and including attachments as noted below:

 Newly executed Declaration,  Copy of Declaration from prior application,  Abstract Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application: Deleted persons:

28 pages of specification and claims (including 19 numbered claims), and

6 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 6.

 Record the attached assignment to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and return to the undersigned. Attached is a Power of Attorney (copy from parent). Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.. Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached. Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/243,952, filed September 16, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Serial No. 60/407,687, filed September 4, 2002, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to Guardian Industries Corp., and Centre Luxembourgeois de Recherches pour le Verre et la Ceramique S.A. (C.R.V.C.), Auburn Hills, Michigan and , Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached. Applicant claims "small entity" status.  "Small entity" statement attached. Please enter the attached preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449;  Other:**FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED**

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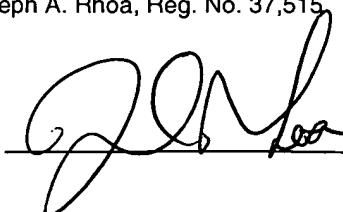
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